

# WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM

## APRIL 2017



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### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

**Wednesday April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

### H.A.R.C. NEW, PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION

***MARION COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – 142 JAYCEE DRIVE, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI***

Driving Directions (From the South): Route 61 into the city. Continue past the turn off for **MODOT offices**. The next Left is **Clinic Road (Poage Jeep/Chrysler)**. Turn Left onto Clinic Road and continue to the intersection of Communication Drive. Turn Left onto **Communication Drive** and continue to the curve in Communication Drive. Then turn right onto **Jaycee Dr**. The Ambulance District building is the last building on the Right – **142 Jaycee Dr**. Parking is just before you get to the building on the right.

(From the North/East/West): Route 61 south to **Clinic Road (Right turn just past Wendy's)**. Turn right onto Clinic Road and go to intersection of **Communication Drive**. Turn Right onto **Communication Drive** and continue to the curve in Communication Drive. Then turn right onto **Jaycee Dr**. The Ambulance District building is the last building on the Right – **142 Jaycee Dr**. Parking is just before you get to the building on the right.

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### **MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – APRIL 2017**

3 KDØYTH STEVE  
10 WB2UFO LARRY  
17 WØPGL TONY  
24 KB9VIS BRIAN

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### **SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2017**

#### **DATES FOR 2017 :**

**APRIL 12, 2017**  
**JULY 12, 2017**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2017**

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Larry Lauer at [Larry@alauer.com](mailto:Larry@alauer.com) or 573-406-0383. If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening

The 2017 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

#### **WALK INS ARE WELCOME.**

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#### **HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**



### **HARC MINUTES FOR MARCH 2017 MEETING**



Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

### **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2017**

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:00pm with 22 people present including 3 guests. After introductions, Don stated there was a proposal for membership. Simon Cross (KE0LRS), Technician Class 904 Fulton Avenue, Hannibal was introduced by Don. After telling us a little about himself, Cliff (K0CA) made a motion to approve Simon for membership. The motion was seconded by J.D. (W0AJD). The motion carried. Congratulations Simon for becoming our newest member! Don stated that we did not have a February meeting so no minutes were recorded, but asked if everyone read the newsletter. Don asked for a motion to accept the newsletter. Chet (W0CCR) made a motion to accept, and it was seconded by Kenny (KE0KCQ). The motion carried.

Don presented Nancy Bartlett a Lifetime Membership Award in honor of Carol Bartlett (WA9EFV), Silent Key. Don then presented Bonnie Sinclair (WB0WAP) with the 2016 Member of the Year Award. Congratulations to Nancy and Bonnie!

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Larry (WB2UFO) read the Treasurer's Report for February 2017 Last month's Ending Balance was \$1,429.02, this month's Ending Balance is \$1,501.57, and the CD Balance is \$1,324.63,

making the Club's Total Assets \$2,826.20. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by J.D (W0AJD) and seconded by Mel (KC0UYY). The motion carried.

### **Repeaters:**

Don reported that Fred (KB0WIL) met with Verne (W5UFY) and Shane (KD0UUW). Don asked if there were any issues, and Verne reported no known problems with either machine. Cliff (K0CA) reported that Fred (KB0WIL) is in the process of moving to Jerseyville, IL and that he had presented Fred the "Life Member Plaque" the Club gave him in appreciation for all he had done.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The Missouri House Bill 136, the State version of the Parity Act is going forward for a vote. Everyone is encouraged to contact our State Senators and Representatives and urge them to vote for the Bill. The National Amateur Radio Parity Act passed the House it and went on to the Senate. Apparently, it is still bottled up in Committee. Cliff (K0CA) stressed the fact that we need to keep contacting our elected officials.

Don (KD0HHN) mentioned the Storm Spotter Class on February 28<sup>th</sup> ended with storms in the area, and the Net was activated. Don reported after the storms passed Rich Cain from KHQA stated that the Net was shutting down and did a good job and John Hark also called and told Don the same.

### **New Business:**

Don (KD0HHN) reported he had talked to Jim Funk (N9JF) about Field Day, and they are starting to make arrangements for this year. The plan is for our Club to operate in Quincy this year in a joint effort like we did in Hannibal last year. As things develop, we will try get together. Jim also said they had several people that were Technicians interested in taking a General Class. Don and Jim talked about doing "Elmer Cram Sessions" just before testing. Several people expressed interest in having another Technician Class. If you know of anyone interested, let Don know. Steve (KD0UVU) reported he had talked to Rich Donnellson of Missouri REC and inquired about getting some poles for antennas. Rich was interested in our Club and possibly providing poles. He expressed interest in partnering with Ralls County Electric, and the Hannibal Board of Public Works. Don said he could contact him and explain Amateur Radio and what our Club needs. Don pointed out the desk and radio set-up in the corner of our meeting room provided by the Ambulance District. The 2 meter radio was recently donated by Cliff (K0CA). Thanks Cliff! Hopefully we can soon have a working permanent station at this facility. Rob (KE0DZI) asked about the possibility of having a "Tailgate Session". Following the meetings, people could place excess ham equipment they have on a table at the back and negotiate a sale or trade. A motion was made by Jerry (KE0KCV) to start next month, and was seconded by Tony (W0PGL). The motion carried. Bonnie (WB0WAP) reminded everyone to pick up their name and call sign pins she made. Thanks Bonnie!

### **50/50:**

The 50/50 was won by Gene (W0GZ).

**PL259 Drawing:**

PL259 connectors donate by Larry (WB2UFO) were won by Steve (KD0YTH)

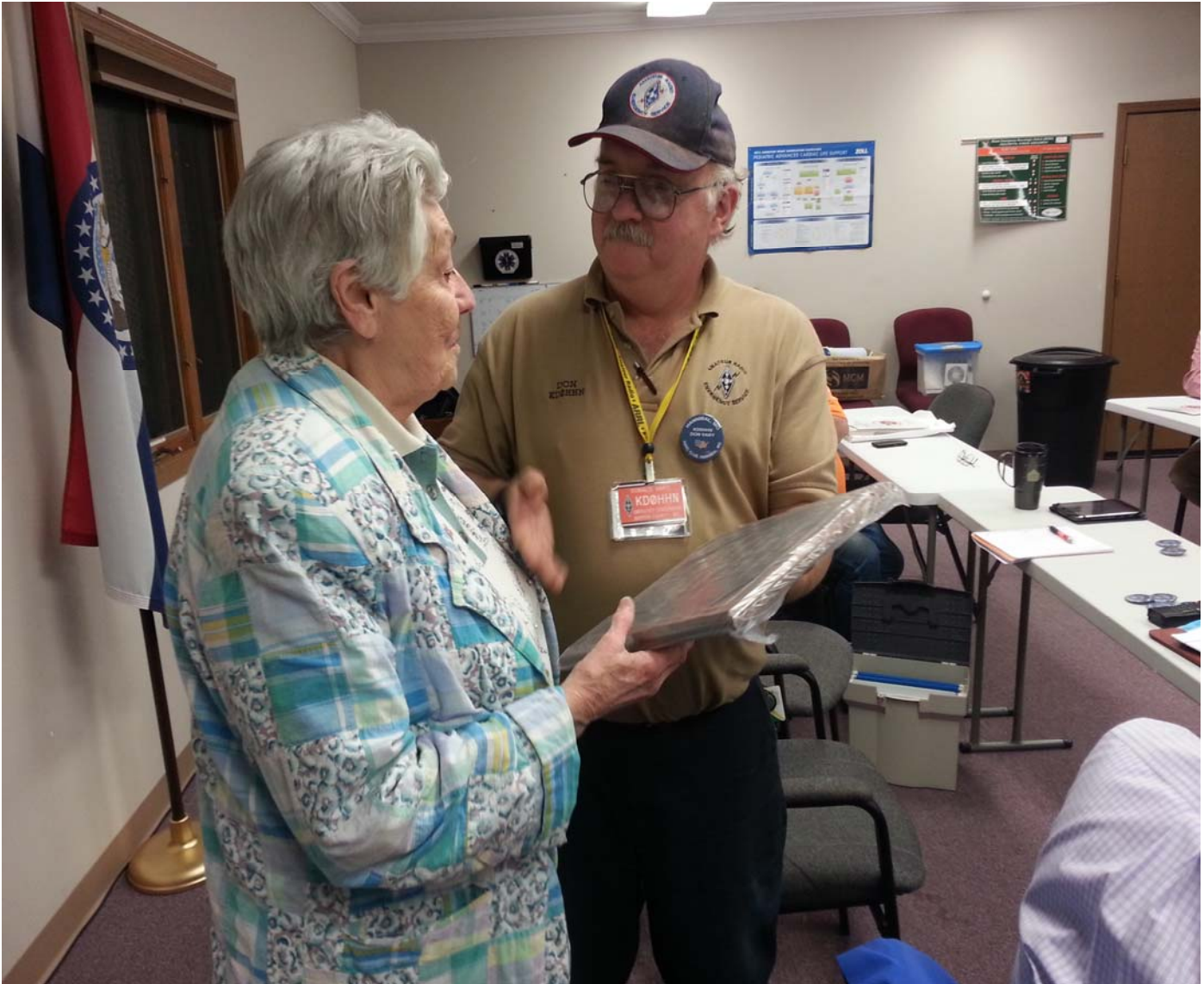
A motion to adjourn was made by Chet (W0CCR) and seconded by John (KC9MMO). The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

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Bonnie Sinclair (WBØWAP) receiving her HARC Member of the Year from Don Vary KDØHHN

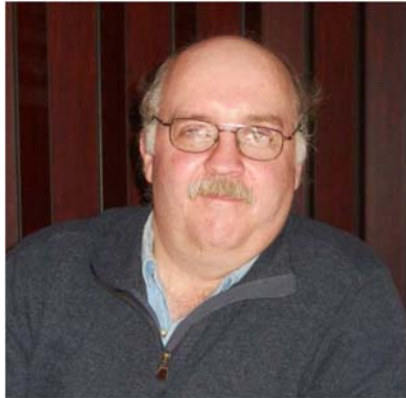




Nancy Bartlett receiving her Life Membership Award from Don Vary KDØHHN



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



Hello everyone. Looks like this could be shaping up to be an interesting year. We are not even into the severe storm season and we've already had two bouts of severe weather. As screwed up as this winter has been, it will probably snow on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Hi Hi. I would like to take a moment to thank all those who respond when a weather net is called. We are the eyes and ears for not only our local communities, but also the National Weather Service, as well as the media. When I secured the last net, we received a "Thank You" from Rich Cain from KHQA-TV for the work we do in providing information to the NWS and the media for storm tracks and any damages. John Hark, Hannibal/Marion County Emergency Management, also thanked us for the work we do, in that our information can help determine when the Tornado sirens are activated here.

A couple of dates to mark down on your calendar. First off, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Missouri QSO party, sponsored by the Boeing Employees' Amateur Radio Club. The party runs from 9AM to 11PM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and from 9AM to 3PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information about the event you can go to [www.w0ma.org](http://www.w0ma.org) and click on the link at the top of the page for Missouri QSO party. As a special note, Rex Weatherford, KE0MHJ has activated Shelby County for the event and will be transmitting on 2 meters and 10 meters. I believe Larry, WB2UFO, is activating Ralls County for the event, and I may try to activate Marion County, Hope to hear you on the air. The second date is April 29<sup>th</sup>, which is the last Saturday of the month. This is the club's annual dinner meeting, which will be held at Golden Corral, on McMasters Ave in Hannibal. I have reserved one of the front rooms, for the dinner, which starts at 6:30pm. Last year we decided to move the meeting from February to April to avoid the congestion which resulted from having the meeting around Valentine's Day. Plus the thought was that the weather will be better and more members would attend. Everyone is invited, and bring a guest if you like, and get to meet other members of the club.

Steve St.Clair reported at the last meeting that Missouri Rural Electric was working on poles for the station at the Ambulance District. They contacted Ralls County Electric, and both agencies are donating a 50 foot pole for the antennas. The Hannibal BPW will set the poles for us and then we can put up the antennas and get on the air. Vern Killion notified me that he will donate a 2 meter antenna for the station, to go with the radios the Cliff, KØCA, and Bob, KDØPHC, donated to the club. Well, I guess that's all for this month. Everyone stay safe and I'll see you down the log

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Don

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## IN MEMORIAL



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### **Lew Gordon, K4VX, Silent Key**



It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of past Division Director Lew Gordon, K4VX. His obituary included the following:

Griffith Lewis (Lew) Gordon, 87, of rural Hannibal passed away Saturday, February 25, 2017 at his home.

Lew was born on October 21, 1929, in Wabash, IN, the son of Griffith L. Gordon, Sr. and Mabel Ealy (Bush).

He married Marie Theresa Girard of Fairfield, Vermont, April 17, 1954 who survives him. He is also survived by sons Stuart Gordon of Monroe, Georgia; Glenn Gordon of

Hannibal; and daughter Sharon King of Columbia, Maryland. In addition there are six grandchildren. Lew was preceded in death by his parents.

Gordon graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis in 1947. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and later completed his college training under the Korean G.I. Bill at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, obtaining a bachelor degree in physics with honors. He also did graduate work in physics at Georgetown and American Universities in Washington, D.C.

Gordon spent the majority of his professional career as an electronic engineer with the Central Intelligence Agency retiring in 1979. During this time he was stationed with his family in several overseas locations. He was a recipient of the CIA's prestigious Career Intelligence Medal. He later continued as a consultant with the US Government until the end of the Cold War in 1990. Gordon was an avid amateur radio enthusiast having received his first FCC license in 1947 as W9APY. He later was issued the call sign K4VX which he has held until his death. In 1993 he was elected to the position of Midwest Division Director for the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) serving in that capacity until retiring in 2000. The Midwest Division includes Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

In 1996, he was elected to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame for his contributions to the field of amateur radio contesting. His antenna towers on the old Bush family farm northwest of Hannibal are well recognized by both airplanes landing at Hannibal Regional Airport, and those passing by on Highway 61. He was a life member of the ARRL, the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA), Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club, and the Eastern Iowa DX Association. He was also a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club and the Society of Midwest Contesters. He was author of numerous technical articles relating to amateur radio receiving the ARRL publication QST Cover Plaque Award in 1993.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James E. Cary Cancer Center, in care of the Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

**FOR SALE**

Icom 7200, 160 – 6 meters. Built-in interface for easy computer hookup. 15 months old in original box with Manual and Hand Mic. \$695.00 or best offer.

Icom 2730A 2 meter/70cm in original box with Manual and Hand Mic. RT systems programming software and cable. \$275.00 or best offer.

If interested, contact Ron, AA9GL at [aa9gl@comcast.net](mailto:aa9gl@comcast.net) or 1-217-257-3118

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**DX FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK  
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**

Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

Spring is here. Summer will soon follow. Eighty meters is hopping all night long and ten will surprise you if you get up there to listen to it. Yes the DX is still there but you will need to hunt for it.

Meet you in the pile-ups.

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Larry WB2UFO

NEPAL, 9N. Kazik, SP6AXW is QRV as 9N7XW until March 31. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

TUVALU, T2. Jacek, SP5EAQ and Marek, SP7DQR are QRV as T2AQ and T2QR, respectively, until April 4. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB and CW, respectively. QSL via SP7DQR. In addition, Tim, NL8F will be QRV as T2TT from March 23 to April 13. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB and digital modes. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL via N7RO.

A2, BOTSWANA A UK Team will be active as A25UK from Botswana between April 25th and May 6th.

AH2/KH2, GUAM. Operators Santos/EA4AK (AH2P) and Tony/EA5BY (KH2BY) will be active from Guam between March 30th and April 10th.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Operators Bruce/AD7MM (E51BAS) and Doug/W6HB (E51DL) will be active from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between April 30th and May 12th.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. A group of Dutch radio amateurs (from the PI4RAZ Radio Club) will be active as HB0/homecall from Liechtenstein between April 1-8th. Operators are Mans/PA2HGJ, Robert/PA2RDK, Frank/PA3CNO, Paul/PA3DFR, Henry/PA3HK, Gert/PE0MGB and Piet/PE1FLO.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) between April 1-8th.

J8, ST. VINCENT. Brian, GW4DVB, will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between April 12-23rd.

OE17, AUSTRIA. Look for special event station OE17ATOM to be active from the Nuclear Power Plant (inside the reactor's hall) in Zwentendorf between April 21-22nd. Activity will be on the HF, VHF and UHF bands. There will be live streaming video during the operation (see QRZ.com for details). QSL via ADL303 only. All logged QSOs will receive a QSL.

PA150, THE NETHERLANDS. Harry, PA3ARM, will be active as PA150LIM during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-and/Low-Power entry. QSL via PD0MHZ. Special callsign is to celebrate 150th anniversary of the Dutch Province Limburg.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI ISLANDS. Ken, KH6QJ, will once again be active as T32AZ from Kiritimati Island (OC-024) between April 11-18th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using SSB.

T40, CUBA. Raul, CO8ZZ, informs OPDX that several operators from the Las Tunas Contest Crew (T48K) [including CO8ZZ] will be active as T40A during both the CQWW WPX SSB and CW Contest (March 25-26th and May 27-28th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. The main goal of the operations will be to introduce new contest operators to their local contest station (Las Tunas Contest Crew T48K) and the development of contesting skills on them. Operators list also include CO8TH, CM8ADT and CL8RCT.

T8 PALAU (Update). Operators Toshio/JM1LRA (T88TA), Kazuhiro/JA7WFT (T88FT), Shinichi/JI6IHG (T88IH) and Ichiro/JH7IPR (T88UW) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009), between April 14-21st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, JT65 and JT9. QSL T88IH via JI6IHG. QSL T88FT via JA7WFT. QSL T88TA via JM1LRA. QSL T88UW via JH7IPR, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or

ClubLog. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:  
<http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

XW, LAOS. Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between April 12-26th, 2017. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, RTTY and JT65. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

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